

Flood Repair Funds Allotted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Forest Service gave a geographic breakdown Wednesday on how it intends to spend a \$4,000,000 appropriation for flood repair in the Columbia basin.

Most of the fund, \$2,350,000 will be spent in Region Six which embraces most of Oregon and Washington. Another \$1,300,000 will be spent in Region One, North Idaho

and Western Montana. The remainder, \$350,000 will be spent in Region Four, central and southern Idaho.

The money will be used to repair roads and trails, bridges and communication lines and recreational grounds in 10 national forests hit by the recent floods.

Faithful Pooch Spoils Holiday

ASTORIA — (AP) — The guests in two rooms of the Ocean House missed several hours of Fourth of July outing. They couldn't get out

Russia, Western Allies Near Showdown In Berlin Dispute

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The battle of Berlin between Russia and the western allies—pivotal engagement of the cold war—is moving sharply towards a showdown.

The blunt demand made by America, Britain and France that the Reds immediately lift the food blockade against the civilian population of western Berlin is calculated to bring things to a head. This blockade of course represents a savage attempt to force the democracies to evacuate the city by torturing the German people. Having got the western allies out of the way, the Bolsheviks could form a separate state in eastern Germany, with Berlin as its capital.

Sent to Moscow
Washington, London and Paris struck simultaneously but separately, and for the first time directed their demand to Moscow rather than to the Soviet authorities in Germany. They have called Stalin's hand, and at a time when the iron curtain is showing considerable wear and tear at vital points like Yugoslavia, Finland and Czechoslovakia.

Equally impressive was the announcement in Washington that the ambassadors of Canada and five western European nations had been called into conference with Undersecretary of State Lovett. The five Europeans are Britain,

France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, which recently formed an alliance. These conversations will have to do with possible American military support for the western European bloc.

Canada in Talks
This is the first time that Canada has been brought into discussions between the bloc and Washington, but her inclusion is a natural one since her defensive interests interlock with those of the United States and Britain. Solidarity between Canada and America is vital to the well-being of the western hemisphere.

Whatever official attitude may be taken by Moscow towards the demand from the democracies that the Berlin blockade be lifted, there can be small doubt that the general European situation provides an anxious moment for the Muscovites. The defiance and dislike being registered by the three satellite states comes from countries which are strategic points in Russia's battle front through Europe. Finland and Yugoslavia are the anchors for the northern and southern wings respectively. Czechoslovakia was designed by the Reds to be the strong point of the center.

Strength Diluted
These signs of weakness developing in the Bolshevik battle-line certainly don't lend strength to the Russian campaign against the western allies in Germany.

The allied notes calling for an end to the food blockade should force the Soviet to disclose whether it has carried its challenge as far as seems smart at this juncture.

McLoughlin Bodies Moved

OREGON CITY — (AP) — The bodies of John McLoughlin, Hudson's Bay Co. factor in Oregon pioneer days, and his wife were moved to new graves here Wednesday.

They were buried in religious and civic ceremonies at the new site of St. John's Church.

Approximately 350 persons attended a pontifical requiem mass at the old site of the church, where the bodies had been buried.

New Lumber Firm Wins Timber Sale

Kerr & Ambler Lumber Company, a firm recently organized in Eugene, was the successful bidder on a stand of cottonwood and other species of timber sold at auction Tuesday by Willamette National Forest Service.

The firm was the only bidder on a stand of 880,000 board feet at Harper's Island, in the Meridian Dam site. Its bid was the same as the appraised price—\$2440.

Included was 320,000 board feet of Douglas Fir, 60,000 incense and red cedar, 500,000 cottonwood and 10,000 lineal feet of cedar poles.

Klamath Falls Man Elected Moderator

PORTLAND — (AP) — Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls business man and president of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, was elected moderator of the

synod of Oregon, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., at the 88th annual session here late Tuesday.
Hitchcock, who succeeds Rev. Byron W. Travis of Portland, was the first layman elected moderator of the Oregon synod in 17 years.

Unemployment Checks Totaled for Half-Year

SALEM — (AP) — Unemployment compensation benefits in Oregon totaled \$8,800,824 in the first half of 1948, a decrease of \$500,000 from the first half of 1947, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said Wednesday.

The number of unemployed persons in June increased 10 percent over the June, 1947 figure, despite increases in areas served by the Columbia River flood.

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Current wages are between three and five cents per pound, depending upon the particular orchard and crop. All applicants are asked to assemble behind the OSES office at 1133 Willamette St. before 7:30 a.m. each morning.



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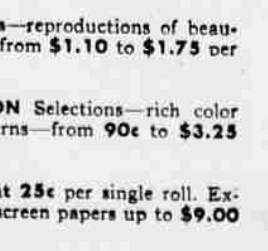
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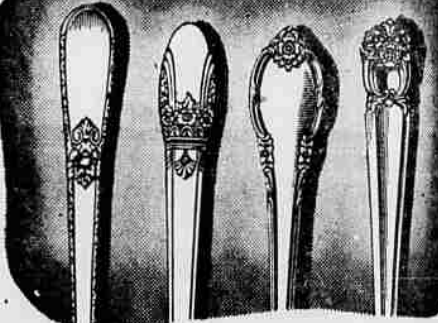
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